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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/B

THROUGH : SSA/DOS

SUBJECT : Separation of [redacted] and Family  
from [redacted] during the Hot Season.

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1. The following comments are made regarding the opinion of the General Counsel relative to Subject:

a. NEA Division has tried unsuccessfully for nine months to find a suitable employee willing to activate the [redacted] Station. When all seemed hopeless, Mr. [redacted] volunteered, but was not immediately acceptable due to the ages of his three small children, as it was felt to have them reside in such a climate would be an undue hardship. Since it was impossible to find another candidate, and since the requirement to open a Station in the [redacted] was becoming increasingly more pressing, Mr. [redacted] was selected for the post and directed to proceed for a nine months' tour. After Mr. [redacted] departure, the NEA Division continued recruitment for [redacted] as it was realized the problem of staffing the post was only temporarily solved for a short period of nine months, but the effort provided only a junior officer who will leave shortly for [redacted]. When Mr. [redacted] had served four months at the post, it was determined by Headquarters from his development of political assets, that he might consider extending. This he agreed to do, provided his family could be sent to a cooler climate during the hot season. It is operationally desirable to have Mr. [redacted] extend due to continuity of liaison with contacts which is important in early development stage.

b. It is the opinion of the NEA Division that the security of operations is in jeopardy by requiring the COB and family to remain in [redacted] for too long a period without a break. It is believed that the extreme heat will cause fatigue to the COB, thereby decreasing his efficiency in very important [redacted] developed contacts. Further, NEA Division is

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concerned with the possibility of a security hazard caused by illness of the wife as a result of the heat. Due to the limited social contacts, it is entirely possible that a person not functioning under normal conditions may not observe normal security precautions. Mrs. [REDACTED] is a contract employee and, as such, is aware of our operations. (See paragraph 3, [REDACTED] 112 (IN 25022) attached).

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e. This case appears not to be without precedent as we have recently received a paper from SSA/DES on another subject which points out that "relief leave with transportation costs paid by the Agency" has been granted in one such case in the past wherein a contract agent in [REDACTED] was granted an operational bonus to cover such costs.

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2. In view of the above, and because of the sensitive operations being conducted in a delicate operational atmosphere, RMA Division feels that Mr. [REDACTED] family should be separated from [REDACTED] during June, July and August (both summers 1956-57) and that Mr. [REDACTED] be permitted to accompany them for one month's leave, the cost of transportation to be at Agency expense.

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The recommendations in paragraph 2 are approved.

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